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AIR OF SUSPENSE AND ANXIETY PERVADES POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE TODAY AS EVERYONE AWAITS WORD WHETHER OR NOT KING WILL SIGN DECREE DISMISSING DEFMIN GAROUFALIAS. LAST NIGHT PRIMIN CONFERRED WITH KING'S POLITICAL ADVISOR CHOIDAS WHO THEN FLEW TO CORFU TODAY CARRYING DISMISSAL DECREE. RUMORS CIRCULATED FOR WHILE YESTERDAY EVENING THAT PRIMIN WAS PROPOSINGTO KING THAT GENERAL PAPANIKOLOPOULOS, FORMER DEFMIN IN PIPINELLIS GOVT AND IN TWO CARETAKER GOVERNMENTS, BE APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY

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OF DEFENSE, AND WITH PRIMIN HIMSELF ASSUMING GAROUFALIAS' POST. THIS CAUSED NUMBER OF CU DEPUTIES TO JOURNEY TO KASTRI LAST NIGHT TO PROTEST TO PRIMIN ON SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, PARTICULARLY APPOINTMENT OF ANYONE NOT A MEMBE OF PARLIAMENT. IN ANY CASE, GOVT SOURCE EVENTUALLY DENIED STORY REGARDING PAPANIKOLOPOULOS.

FOLLOWING HIS DISMISSAL FROM CU YESTERDAY, GAROUFALIAS ISSUED SHARP STATEMENT ASSERTING THAT HE HAD STRUGGLED TO UPHOLD CU

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ELECTORAL PLEDGE TO KEEP ARMY OUT OF POLITICS AND THAT HE HAD TO WITHSTAND MANY "UNSEEN PRESSURES" AIMED AT COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF ARMY AND PENETRATION OF ARMY BY PARTISAN (CU) SPIRIT. STATEMENT ALSO CONTAINED TEXT OF UNDATED LETTER BY PRIMIN TO GAROUFALIAS ORDERING LATTER TO CONSULT WITH COLONEL T. PAPADAKIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARMY GENERAL STAFF OFFICE, AND COLONEL PAPATERPOS, KYP DIRECTOR, REGALEING PERSONS TO BE SENT TO CYPRUS AS BATTALION COMMANDERS. ACCORDING TO GAROUFALIAS, THIS MEANT THAT TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS WERE TO BE MADE ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH TWO COLONELS! "HAD I CARRIED OUT PRIMIN'S

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INSTRUCTION, I WOULD HAVE INSTALLED PARTY STOOGES IN ALL-POWERFUL POSITIONS." GAROUFALIAS THEN STATED THAT, WHEN HE REFUSED TO YIELD, "ASPIDA" WAS ORGANIZED "WITHIN KYP, BY KYP, FOR WHAT COMMUNISTS AMIABLY DESCRIBE 'DEMOCRATIZATION OF ARMY' AND PARTY STOOGES CALL 'REHABILITATION' OF ARMY." CONCLUDING, GAROUFALIAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD REFUSED TO RESIGN HIS POST BECAUSE, HAD HE DONE SO, THE ARMY WOULD AUTOMATICALLY HAVE COME UNDER COMMAND OF PARTY.

IN SUBSEQUENT STATEMENT TODAY, GAROUFALIAS ACCUSED PRIMIN EVEN MORE DIRECTLY OF TRYING TO PROTECT HIS SON BY STATING: "WHOEVER HEARD OF IDEA THAT PRIMIN SHOULD PERSISTENTLY ASK TO TAKE OVER MINISTRY IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION INTO ASPIDA AFFAIR AT TIME WHEN GEN. GRIVAS MAKES CHARGES AGAINST HIS SON AND WHEN COURT MARTIAL RAPPORTEUR CALLS ON HIM (ANLEAS) FOR QUESTIONING?"

IDEA OF PRIMIN ASSUMING DEFMIN PORTFOLIO CAME UNDER HEAVY ATTACK NOT ONLY IN ERE PRESS BUT ALSO IN PRO-GOVT ELEFTHERIA WHICH STATED: "CONSTITUTIONALLY IT IS ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF PRIMIN KEEP ANY MINISTRY FOR HIMSELF, AND THEREFORE KING CANNOT

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REFUSE IT TO HIM. POLITICALLY, HOWEVER, ASSUMPTION OF DEF MIN BY G. PAPANDREOU UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE A MISTAKE ON FIRST ORDER BECAUSE IT OPENS UP AND EXPOSES GOVT TO SLANDER."

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COMMENT: IN TALKS WITH NUMBER OF POLITICAL FIGURES EMBASSY HAS GAINED IMPRESSION THAT VIRTUALLY EVERY CU DEPUTY BELIEVED GAROUFALIAS HAD TO LEAVE. MANY DEPUTIES, HOWEVER, ARE UNHAPPY AT PROSPECT OF CLASH BETWEEN PAPANDREOU AND KING. THIS SCHOOL WHICH INCLUDES STEPHANOPOULOS, MITSOTAKIS (KOKKAS) STRONGLY BELIVE THAT INDIVIDUAL MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO KING AND PRIMIN SHOULD REPLACE GAROUFALIA.

S. OTHER SCHOOL FOLLOWING ANDREAS PAPANDREOU HARD LINE (AIDED AND ABETTED BY LMBR KIS VIMA, NEA) INSIST THAT PRIMIN HIMSELF SHOULD ASSUME DEFENSE MINISTRY PORTFOLIO AND THAT IF KING SHOULD REFUSE ONLY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE ELECTIONS IN WHICH ROLE OF MONARCHY WOULD BE IMPORTANT ISSUE.

THUS POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN CU AND BETWEEN KING AND PAPANDREOU CONTINUES.

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